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Advisory Action Before the Filing of an Appeal Brief	Application No. 09/477,991	Applicant(s) JONES, BRYCE A.	
	Examiner Barbara N. Burgess	Art Unit 2157	

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THE REPLY FILED 12 July 2006 FAILS TO PLACE THIS APPLICATION IN CONDITION FOR ALLOWANCE.

1. ☐ The reply was filed after a final rejection, but prior to or on the same day as filing a Notice of Appeal. To avoid abandonment of this application, applicant must timely file one of the following replies: (1) an amendment, affidavit, or other evidence, which places the application in condition for allowance; (2) a Notice of Appeal (with appeal fee) in compliance with 37 CFR 41.31; or (3) a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) in compliance with 37 CFR 1.114. The reply must be filed within one of the following time periods:

- a) ☒ The period for reply expires 3 months from the mailing date of the final rejection.
 b) ☐ The period for reply expires on: (1) the mailing date of this Advisory Action, or (2) the date set forth in the final rejection, whichever is later. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of the final rejection.

Examiner Note: If box 1 is checked, check either box (a) or (b). ONLY CHECK BOX (b) WHEN THE FIRST REPLY WAS FILED WITHIN TWO MONTHS OF THE FINAL REJECTION. See MPEP 706.07(f).

Extensions of time may be obtained under 37 CFR 1.136(a). The date on which the petition under 37 CFR 1.136(a) and the appropriate extension fee have been filed is the date for purposes of determining the period of extension and the corresponding amount of the fee. The appropriate extension fee under 37 CFR 1.17(a) is calculated from: (1) the expiration date of the shortened statutory period for reply originally set in the final Office action; or (2) as set forth in (b) above, if checked. Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of the final rejection, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

NOTICE OF APPEAL

2. ☐ The Notice of Appeal was filed on _____. A brief in compliance with 37 CFR 41.37 must be filed within two months of the date of filing the Notice of Appeal (37 CFR 41.37(a)), or any extension thereof (37 CFR 41.37(e)), to avoid dismissal of the appeal. Since a Notice of Appeal has been filed, any reply must be filed within the time period set forth in 37 CFR 41.37(a).

AMENDMENTS

3. ☐ The proposed amendment(s) filed after a final rejection, but prior to the date of filing a brief, will not be entered because
 (a) ☐ They raise new issues that would require further consideration and/or search (see NOTE below);
 (b) ☐ They raise the issue of new matter (see NOTE below);
 (c) ☐ They are not deemed to place the application in better form for appeal by materially reducing or simplifying the issues for appeal; and/or
 (d) ☐ They present additional claims without canceling a corresponding number of finally rejected claims.

NOTE: _____. (See 37 CFR 1.116 and 41.33(a)).

4. ☐ The amendments are not in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121. See attached Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment (PTOL-324).
 5. ☐ Applicant's reply has overcome the following rejection(s): _____.
 6. ☐ Newly proposed or amended claim(s) _____ would be allowable if submitted in a separate, timely filed amendment canceling the non-allowable claim(s).
 7. ☒ For purposes of appeal, the proposed amendment(s): a) ☐ will not be entered, or b) ☒ will be entered and an explanation of how the new or amended claims would be rejected is provided below or appended.
 The status of the claim(s) is (or will be) as follows:
 Claim(s) allowed: none.
 Claim(s) objected to: none.
 Claim(s) rejected: 166-185.
 Claim(s) withdrawn from consideration: 1-165.

AFFIDAVIT OR OTHER EVIDENCE

8. ☐ The affidavit or other evidence filed after a final action, but before or on the date of filing a Notice of Appeal will not be entered because applicant failed to provide a showing of good and sufficient reasons why the affidavit or other evidence is necessary and was not earlier presented. See 37 CFR 1.116(e).
 9. ☐ The affidavit or other evidence filed after the date of filing a Notice of Appeal, but prior to the date of filing a brief, will not be entered because the affidavit or other evidence failed to overcome all rejections under appeal and/or appellant fails to provide a showing of good and sufficient reasons why it is necessary and was not earlier presented. See 37 CFR 41.33(d)(1).
 10. ☐ The affidavit or other evidence is entered. An explanation of the status of the claims after entry is below or attached.

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION/OTHER

11. ☒ The request for reconsideration has been considered but does NOT place the application in condition for allowance because:
 See attached Detailed Office Action.
 12. ☐ Note the attached Information Disclosure Statement(s). (PTO/SB/08 or PTO-1449) Paper No(s). _____.
 13. ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

This Office Action is in response to After-Final Amendment filed July 12, 2006. Claims 166-185 are presented for further consideration.

Response to Arguments

The Office notes the following argument:

- (a) Goss does not teach or suggest "routing the voice call originating from the user device to the selected one of the call center resources," as provided for in claims 166 and 176.
- (b) Although the callback request is ultimately transferred to the agent, the request does not constitute a voice call routed to the agent.

Applicant's arguments filed have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

In response to:

- (a) Goss discloses many ways in which communication between a customer and agent takes place. The preferred embodiment utilizes http and telephony communications. However, http may be combined with chat or smtp. Also, a customer with voice telephony or video telephony can communicate with the agent via these applications (column 2, lines 52-60, column 23, lines 20-35).

Therefore, a customer can initiate a callback request (voice call) using any of the above applications when the need arises to speak with an agent. The customer gives certain information in the request such as customer's name, telephone #, and other information

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the customer feels is necessary (column 6, lines 17-25). This callback request (voice call) that is originated from the user's device (computer or telephone having the above applications) is routed to the appropriate agent. Goss explicitly states, "when a callback request is received from a customer, it must be sent to an agent who is trained to service the corporate business client represented by the customer," (column 6, lines 45-47). So, the callback request (voice call) is indeed routed to a selected call center resource (agent) (column 7, lines 1-5, column 13, lines 65-67).

(b) The callback request does constitute a voice call because it can be made via telephony communications including voice telephony or video telephony (column 2, lines 52-60, column 23, lines 20-35). Goss explicitly discloses " For examples, the Contact Server can: ...receive a call-back request via the PSTN/ACD/VRU and place an outbound call to the customer over the PSTN, receive a call-back request via the Internet or PSTN/ACD/VRU and place a video call to the customer over the Internet," (column 23, lines 20-35). Therefore, Goss undoubtedly teaches a callback request constituting a voice call.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Barbara N. Burgess whose telephone number is (571) 272-3996. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F (8:00am-4:00pm).

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Ario Etienne can be reached on (571) 272-4001. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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